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From: Rob Runkel
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Subject: Re: This may be of interest

Hi All --

Just wanted to let you all know I'm at DIA and headed to do field work in N. California this week -- I'll likely be checking emails each night. Last week I started to tabulate the results thus far. The scenarios I've simulated are 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100% reductions in the Red & Bonita loads. Each scenario consists of 8 simulations w/ a variety of inputs -- so each scenario will have a 'best estimate' and a range of expected concentrations for each metal. I had hoped to get these results to you before leaving, but it will have to be early next week. I'm also planning on starting a new set of simulations next week, where I simulate the effects of the old treatment plan. Sounds like I should check in w/ all of you before starting these - as there may be some changes. Anyway, that's where things are at. thanks, Rob

p.s. I hadn't seen the SOW clause about notifying blm when the funds are 80% gone; I don't have my hours tallied but I'm sure that's the case. Can also update you on that next week.

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On Mon, 28 Apr 2014, Lewis, Brent wrote:

> All,
> I'm available this week to meet on OTEQ and mornings are always best for
> me. The OTEQ SOW was intentionally written broadly so we could easily
> accommodate new scenarios as they arise; hence the SOW states "**at a
> minimum**" we'd assess the Red & Bonita and the previous WTP. Other than the
> current budget, there's no upper boundary on the number of runs. As Dan
> suggests, additional river distance past A72 is definitively warranted so
> this may require a SOW modification that we need to discuss with Rob.
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> Given the comments regarding background, i.e., natural inputs, at the
> commissioner meeting last week it appears it would need more assessment;
> however, I agree with others that its not an immediate goal and may not be
> necessary at all.
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> As far as the involving CDPHE, I vote they can have their input during the

> ARSG meetings.
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> On Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 8:29 AM, Zillich, Cathleen <czillich@blm.gov> wrote:
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>> I am busy Tuesday 1 - 3, but you can have this discussion without me.
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>> The Agreement that BLM has with USGS outlines two scenarios.(pasted
>> below). I do not know how it would change the funding if we were to ask
>> for different or more scenarios. Last communication with Rob was that he
>> would do two assumed reductions from Red&Bonita (was it 50% and 80%
>> reduction?), so already we are not doing exactly what is in SOW, so now is
>> a good time to make sure we are getting scenarios that help us the most.
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>> *A) **STATEMENT OF WORK TASKS AND DELIVERABLES*
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>> The primary purpose of this IGO is to extend the calibrated model to site
>> A72 on the Animas River downstream of Silverton, and to conduct a
>> preliminary analysis of potential remedial action scenarios. Specific tas
>> ks include:
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>> * February 2014. Compile all relevant low-flow data for Cement
>> Creek from Gladstone to A72.
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>> * February 2014-April 2014. Extend calibrated model from the
>> South Fork of Cement Creek to A72. Compile list of data gaps that potentia
>> lly affect our ability to estimate post-remediation water quality.
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>> * April 2014-July 2014. Preliminary model simulations to estima
>> te post-remediation water quality. At a minimum, these simulations will
>> consider the following two scenarios: (1) placement of a bulkhead in the
>> tunnel draining the Red and Bonita mine; (2) treatment of all waters
>> upstream of Gladstone in a manner similar to that of the previously
>> operated treatment plant. Predictive simulations will consider the
>> uncertainty of the proposed remedial actions (e.g. consideration of leakage
>> from the Red and Bonita Bulkhead) and variability in chemical inputs from
>> contributing watersheds (e.g. diel variation in metal concentrations coming
>> from the Upper Animas watershed as measured at site A68).
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>> * July 2013. Present results to the Animas River Stakeholders
>> Group in Silverton CO. This will be a formal presentation of the model
>> and the two scenarios at a meeting. The deliverable will be a pdf file and
>> handouts covering the findings and recommendations. Hardcopies shall be
>> made available for up to 20 people.
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>> . Provide written notification to BLM when 80% of the project

>> funds have been expended.
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>> On Fri, Apr 25, 2014 at 9:47 AM, Schmittdiel, Paula <
>> Schmittdiel.Paula@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>> We should discuss. Its on my list to get a meeting/conference call set
>>> up ASAP to discuss what scenarios we might want Rob to run on the model.
>>> Unfortunately, my only day next week that I'm available would be Tuesday
>>> afternoon. I thought after we had put together our ideas on scenarios, the
>>> we would run them by ARSG.
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>>> It might be good to include the State (CDPHE) in our discussion - what
>>> does everyone think? What do your schedules look like for Tuesday
>>> afternoon?
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>>> Zillich, Cathleen
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>>> Since the OTEC piece is up and calibrated, it may not be much of a
>>> stretch for USGS to go down this path *IF* background is needed.
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